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Appl. No.

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Applicant(s)

Ralf Eckert et al.

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Method For Treating Objects

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Jyoti Nagpaul

Docket No.

37105.0027

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed June 17, 2004. A Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is enclosed herewith, together with a Fee Transmittal and payment check in the amount of \$110.00 for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action.

This response includes an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(2), accompanied by PTO Form 1449, a check in the amount of \$180.00, and a copies of two cited references.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.